

**J. Sargeant Reynolds Community College
Course Content Summary**

Course Prefix and Number: ESL 73 **Credits:** 3

Course Title: Accent Reduction

Course Description:

Provides contextualized practice at the high intermediate/ advanced level to improve the speech and intelligibility of non-native speakers of English. Focuses on problems of American English pronunciation, unclear individual sounds and positional variants, stress, rhythm, and intonation common to speakers of different language backgrounds. May include individualized practice in consonant and vowel production. Credits are not applicable toward graduation. Prerequisite: Recommendation following oral placement interview or successful completion of ESL 33. Lecture 3 hours per week.

General Course Purpose:

To refine students' pronunciation skills for academic and business communication purposes.

Course Prerequisites and Co-requisites:

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Student Learning Outcomes:

Upon completing the course, the student will be able to

Participate in extended English conversations on a variety of personal,

Identify and target specific areas of his or her pronunciation
Through extensive practice, develop strategies to improve
pronunciation in those target areas during content